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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--June 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Jordan assumed weekend coverage of WAKH/WAM/QNA, Muscat Domestic Service, and Sanaa Domestic Service from Gulf Bureau effective 12 June. Tehran International Service in Arabic remains unmonitorable for most of the day due to jamming from Iraq.

2. Repeated efforts to pin down the date the SAUDI PRESS AGENCY will be available in Jordan have so far proved futile. Phone calls to the SPA headquarters in Riyadh have produced no commitment other than a promise to acknowledge the bureau's formal request for the service. An interview with the SPA stringer was similarly unproductive. An official of the Jordan Telecommunications Corporation confirmed that SPA is planning a landline link to the JORDAN NEWS AGENCY but was unable to provide any date.

3. The bureau contacted a new distributor to supply foreign newspapers. Although he, like the other distributors in Amman, is at the mercy of government censorship decisions, he is currently supplying the Kuwaiti papers AL-ANBA', AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM, AL-SIYASAH, and AL-QABAS. He is unable to supply AL-WATAN or the ARAB TIMES. In terms of the Saudi papers, we are receiving AL-YAWM but not AL-MADINAH.

4. The month-long survey of Damascus Television programming has been completed and the tapes are being forwarded to MOD for further evaluation.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Processing of a second new monitor, [redacted] has begun. [redacted] will occupy one of the four new slots authorized the bureau. We are still awaiting security clearances for [redacted]

2. The Embassy personnel officer informed FBIS that the long-awaited plan for the Provident Fund is to be implemented 20 July. The plan makes provision for employees not covered by CRS to buy-back over 60 months sums to be included in the fund. Headquarters has concurred in FBIS participation for eligible employees.

3. Deputy Chief-designate [redacted] arrived PCS 1 July.

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4. Monitor Supervisor [redacted] became the proud father of a third son, [redacted] on 22 June. [redacted]

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III. VISITS

A. From the bureau

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] and family departed 6 June for R&R in the United States.

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B. To the bureau

1. FBIS Security Officer [redacted] arrived 6 July.

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Deputy Chief, Jordan Bureau

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